

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4405–S4468

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 829–837, and S. Res. 104–105. **Page S4445**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009. **Page S4445**

Measures Passed:

National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 104, designating the third week of April 2009 as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”. **Pages S4464–65**

Global Youth Service Days: Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, designating April 24 through 26, 2009, as “Global Youth Service Days”. **Page S4465**

Measures Considered:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds. **Pages S4408–26**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, Dorgan, and Chairman Brown. **Page S4465**

Hill Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S4430–34**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 73 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4434**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, and that all time in adjournment, recess or morning business count post-cloture. **Page S4466**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 82 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 155), Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 156), Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

By 87 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 157), Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S4426–30**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Cameron F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Donald Michael Remy, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Michael Nacht, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.